

HOUSE No. 1663

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, petition of Vincent A. Pedone relative to the interruption of natural gas services and the impact of such interruptions on the cost and supply of heating oil in the Commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT INVESTIGATING HEATING OIL SUPPLY IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary,
- 2 there is hereby established a special commission for the purpose
- 3 of studying and making recommendations concerning the issue of
- 4 natural gas interruptible service and its potential impact on the
- 5 price and supply of heating oil in the commonwealth.
- 6 Said commission shall consist of six members of the legisla-
- 7 ture, three of whom shall be appointed by the President of the
- 8 Senate including the senate chairman for the joint committee on
- 9 energy, and three of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of
- 10 the House of Representatives including the house chairman for the
- 11 joint committee on energy. In addition, the governor shall appoint
- 12 three members, one of whom shall be the commissioner of the
- 13 division of energy resources or his designee, a representative of
- 14 the gas utility industry and a representative of the home oil heat
- 15 industry. The senate and house chairmen of the joint committee on
- 16 energy shall serve as co-chairmen of the special commission.
- 17 Said commission shall report the results of its study and recom-
- 18 mendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to
- 19 carry its recommendations into effect by filing the same with the
- 20 clerk of the senate and the clerk of the House of Representatives
- 21 on or before one hundred and twenty days from the effective date
- 22 of this act.